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The First Principles of Music.

The Notes, Stave, Clef, Sharps and Flats.

The Notes in music are named from the first seven letters of the Alphabet:—
A. B. C. D. E. F. G. When to any series of these letters, the eighth-which is a repetition of the first— is added, the whole number is termed an octave.

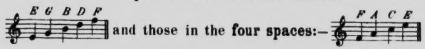
That series which begins and ends with C, is most pleasing to the ear, and is called the Natural Scale.

The notes are placed on, between, above and below, five lines called a Stave:-



In music intended for the Mandoline, the notes are always preceded by a character called the treble or G Clef, which is curled upon the second line of the stave thus:

from this clef the notes upon the five lines are named:—



the two notes immediately above and below the stave are:

If more notes are required, then, what are called leger-lines, are added above and below the stave, the notes placed on and above the leger-lines are:—

and those on and below:
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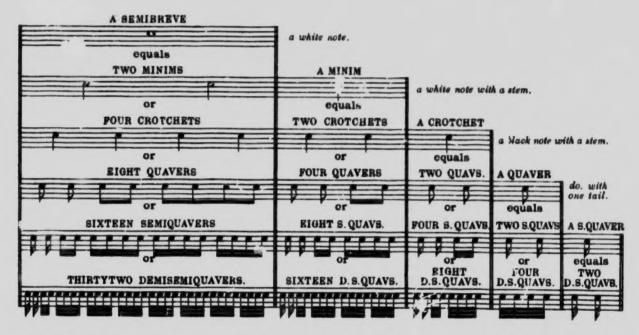
The sound of notes depends upon the distance between them, the words tone and semitone, are used to express this.

Every series of eight consecutive sounds of an octave contains five tones, and two semitone, the latter are always found between the third and fourth, and seventh and eighth notes of the Major scale, and the second and third, the fifth and sixth, and seventh and eighth of the Minor scale.



The relative value or duration of notes, depends on their form and colour, without reference to their position on the stave.

There are Six kinds of notes used in modern notation, their names, form, colour and relative



It will be seen by the above example, that when two or more Quavers, Semiquavers or Demisemiquavers, follow in succession, they are tied together by one, two or three, thick lines, which are used instead of hooks or tails.

Notes ... ay be raised or lowered in sound or pitch by the use of characters called Sharps and Flats.

- a Sharp, (#) raises the note before which it is placed, a semitone.
- a double-Sharp, (x) raises the note, a .one.
- a Flat, (b) lowers the note, a semitone.
- a double-Flat, (bb) lowers the note, a tone.
- a Natural, (\$) restores the note, to its normal conaition.
- a (4#) or (4b) restores the note to which a (x) or (bb) has been added to its former condition.

When Sharps or Plats are introduced in the course of a composition, they are termed accidentals, and only affect the notes before which they are placed.

Sharps or Flats, at the beginning of a composition—next after the clef affect all the notes on the same line, or in the space throughout the composition, and is called the Signature.

Every piece of music is divided into equal Measures or portions of Time, by vertical lines,

called Bars:-

Every bar must contain a certain number of notes regulated by the Figures, which always follow the signature.

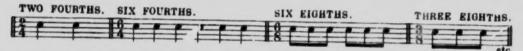
A Double-bar, is used to denote either a part, or the whole of a composition, and when Dots are added, the part on the same side as the dots,

is Repeated. (i.e. played again.)

There are two kinds of Time in use, Common and Triple: common-time is indicated by 4/4 or C each bar contains one Semibreve, Two Minims or their equivalents.

The time called alla cappella, formerly used for Church-music only; but at the present time in general use, is indicated by 2/2 or ¢, in fact, it is common-time with only two heats given to each bar, instead of four. This time is often incorrectly termed Alla Breve.

For all other Measures, Figures only are used, placed one over the other, the lower figure shows, into how many parts the Semibreve is divided, the upper figure shows how many of such parts are contained in each bar:-



There are three different kinds of Triple-time in use: - each bar containing, Three minims, three Crotchets, three Quavers or their equivalents.

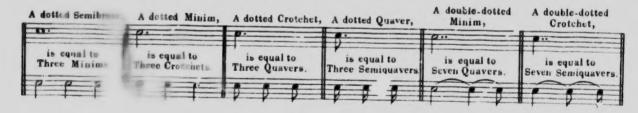
There are two Compounds of the above named times:- Compound common-time contains Six Crotchets, Six Quavers, also Twelve Quavers or their equivalents in each bar.

Compound triple-time contains Nine Crotchets, nine Quavers, nine Semiquavers or their equivalents in each bar.

A Dot placed after a note, or a rest, indicates that its length is to be increased by one-half.

Two Dots placed after a note, or a rest, indicate that its length is to be increased by three-fourths.

When the Dot is placed over a note, it mean that the note is to be played staccato, (i.e. detached.)



Rests are signs to denote periods of silence in music, viz:-



When the figure 3 is notes and rests, they a of the same kind.

above three notes or three rests or any combination of three

The principal Graces of melody used in modern music are:-the Approgratura, the Accent (> or A), the Bind or Slur, the Turn (\infty or Z), the Mordente (\infty), the Trillo or Shake (tr), etc. all of which may be found in a Dictionary of Musical terms.



A Bind (____), a curved line, uniting two notes of the same name.

Slur, also marked (____), indicates that the notes are to be placed smoothly.

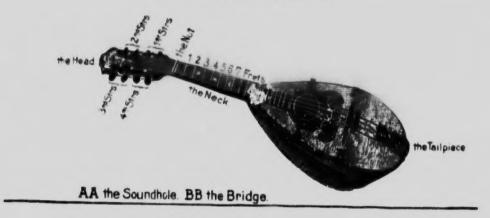


A Pause (), colongs a note or rest, beyond its proper value; it is also used to indicate a finish.



D. C. Da Capo - from the beginning. D. S. Dal Segno - from the %. mf mezzo-forte - rather loud. f forte - loud. ff double-forte - very loud. p piano - softly. pp double - piano - very softly. of sfs sforzando - emphasised. Unis. Unisoni - together. cresc. crescendo or — with increasing tone. decresc. decrescendo or ___ dim. diminuendo_ with decreasing tone. leg. legato - in a gliding style. stacc. staccato - detached, distinct. dol. dolce- sweetly. Cantabile- in a singing style. Assai - very. Molto - much. Sempre - always. a tempo - in time. Mod? Moderato - Moderately. Largo - broad, dignified. Maestoso - Majestically. Più mosso- more quickly. Meno mosso-less quickly. poco a poco - little by little. Sostenuto - sustained. string. stringendo or accel. accelerando- increasing the time. rall. rallentando or rit. ritardando- decreasing the time. Lento - slow, lingering. Larghetto - not so slow as Lento. Adagio - slowly, leisurely. Andantino - slower than Andante. Andante - moving easily. Allegretto - quicker than Andante. Allegro - lively, briskly. Vivace or Vivo - quicker than Allegro. Presto = quickly, rapidly. Prestissimo = at the utmost speed.

THE MANDOLINE.



The Neapolitan Mandoline has four pairs of steel strings, the third and the fourth pairs are covered with fine wire; it is played with a plectrum () made of tortoiseshell, which is held by the thumb and lirst finger of the right hand.

ON TUNING.

The eig. open strings, (four pairs) are named:-



The Student should have a tuning-fork in A, and proceed as follows:—Tune the second or A strings to the fork; then if the ear be sufficiently good, tune the third or D strings a fifth lower; then tune the fourth or G strings a fifth below the D; and lastly tune the first or E strings a fifth above the A. Should this plan prove at first too difficult tune all the strings to the Piano or some other instrument.

The Left hand should encircle the neck of the instrument, the first finger and thumb should be just behind the second fret, the fingers curved and held over the strings, ready for action.

The Right hand holding the plectrum, ready to strike the strings, should be placed between the Bridge and the Soundhole; the inner part of the fore-arm resting upon the edge of the instrument; the wrist-joint is freely used for this action.

EXERCISES ON THE OPEN STRINGS.

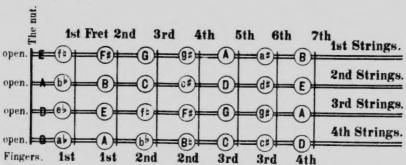
This sign (A) indicates a down stroke of the plectrum.

This sign (V) indicates an up stroke of the plectrum.



ON FINGERING.

To produce the stopped notes, the joint of the Left hand fingers must be squared, and the strings pressed down firmly and held upon the Finger-board, with the ends of the fingers just behind the Fret indicated; always keep the fourth finger above and over the Finger-board.



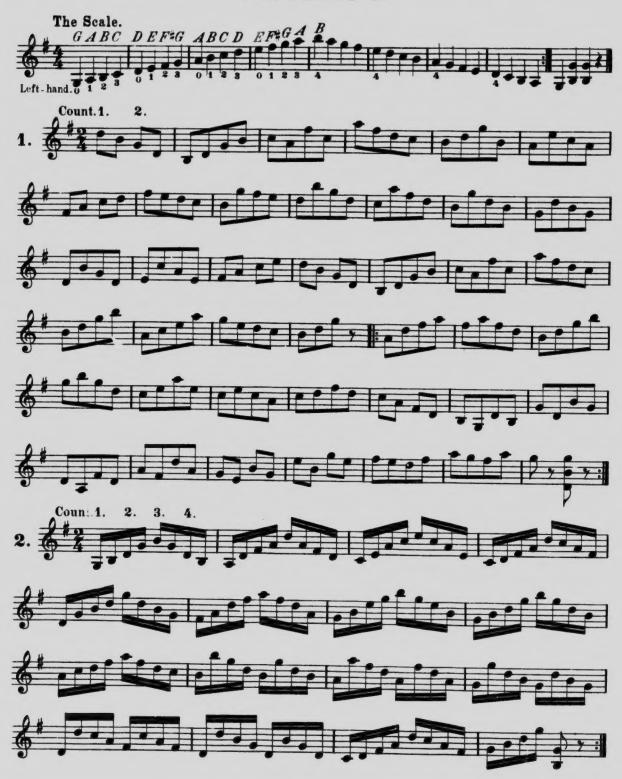
The above diagram shows the relative positions of the notes on the Finger-board, in the first position. The capital letters indicate the natural scale of the Mandoline, that is, the scale of G, with one sharp. The notes D, A & E, can be produced in two ways, either open, or with the fourth finger behind the 7th Fret; the latter should be used in preference to the former, unless the note is marked with an O (open).

THE CHROMATIC SCALE.



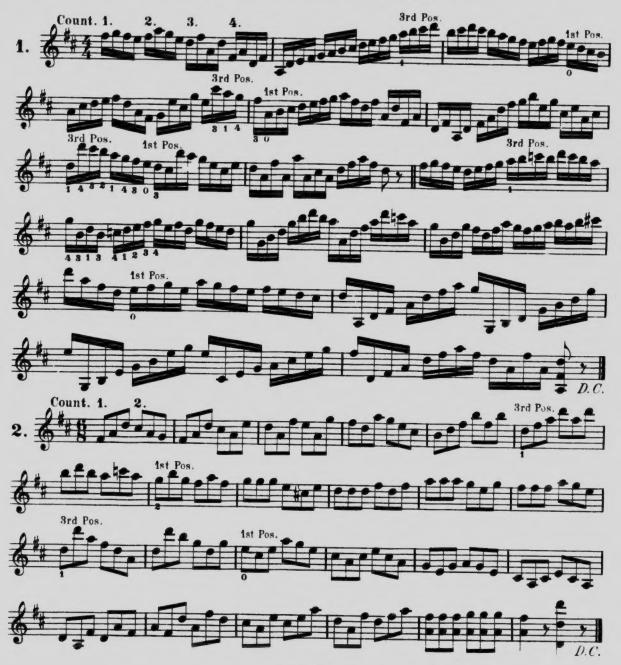
The Student will observe that any semitone can be produced; the above scale may be referred to whenever at a loss for any particular note.

^{*} From this note the hand may be placed in the third position, or in other words, the first finger may take the place of the third finger behind the sth Fret, the other fingers following, this change of fingering will be found very useful on all the strings.

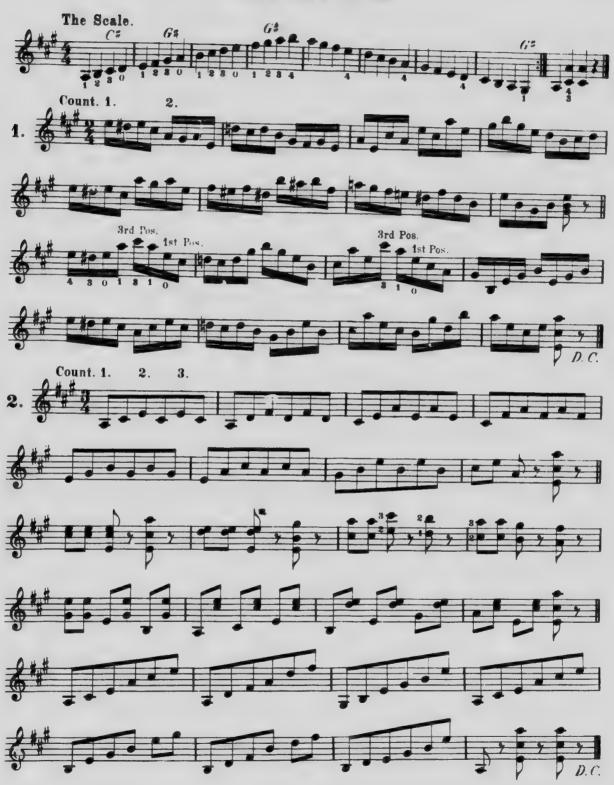




* The first finger takes the place of the third finger, behind the 5th Fret, the other fingers following; this is called the third position.



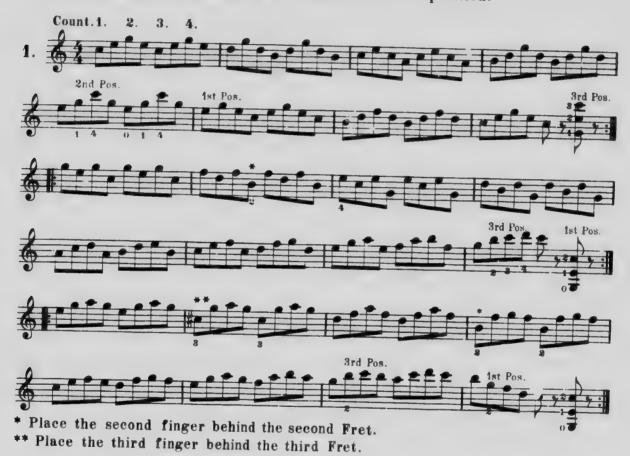
THE KEY OF A.



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* The first finger takes the place of the second finger, behind the 3rd Fret, the other fingers following; this is called the second position.



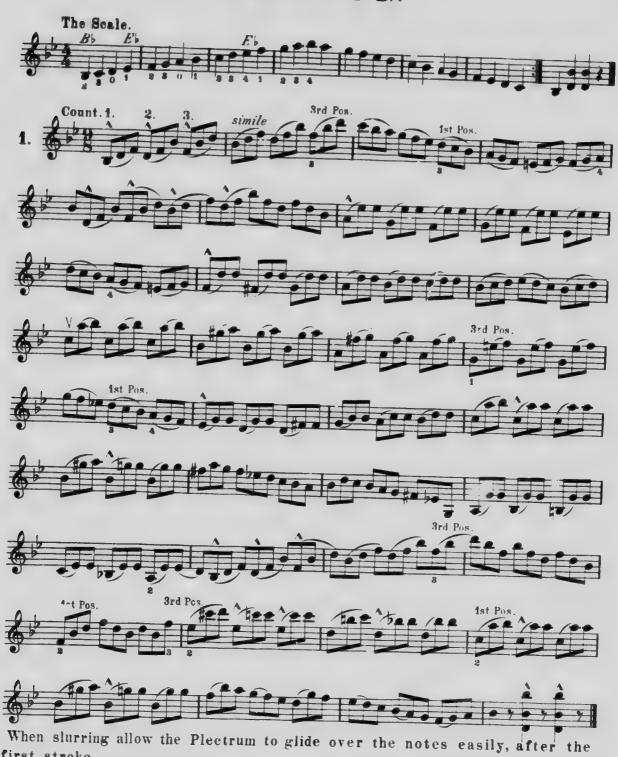


THE KEY OF F.



- * Shift the hand to the third position.
- + Play C with the first finger, the other fingers following; this is called the fifth position.





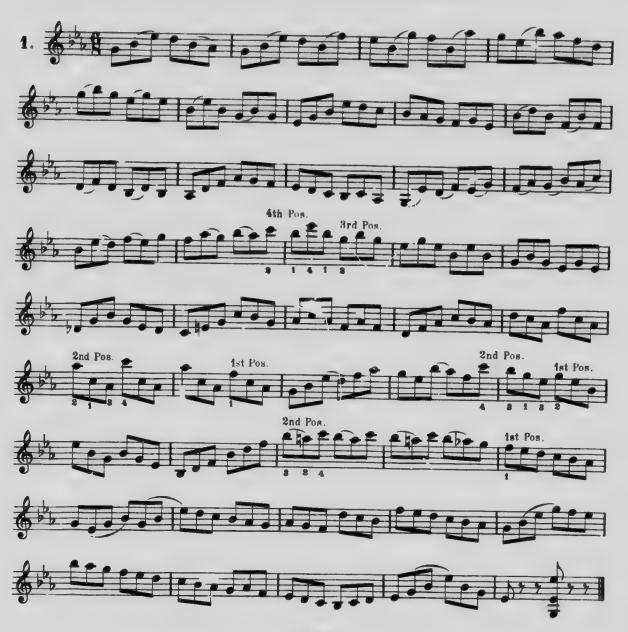
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first stroke.

THE KEY OF Eb.



* The first finger takes the place of the fourth finger, behind the 6th Fret, the other fingers following; this is called the fourth position.



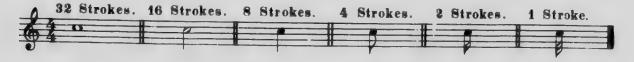
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SOME MINOR SCALES.



TREMOLO-PLAYING.

This effect is used for the purpose of *imitating sustained sound*, it is produced by a rapid succession of alternate strokes of the Plectram, this action can only be produced by using the wrist-joint freely; the number of strokes given to each note depends upon the time of the music and the facility of the player; the relative numbers are:—

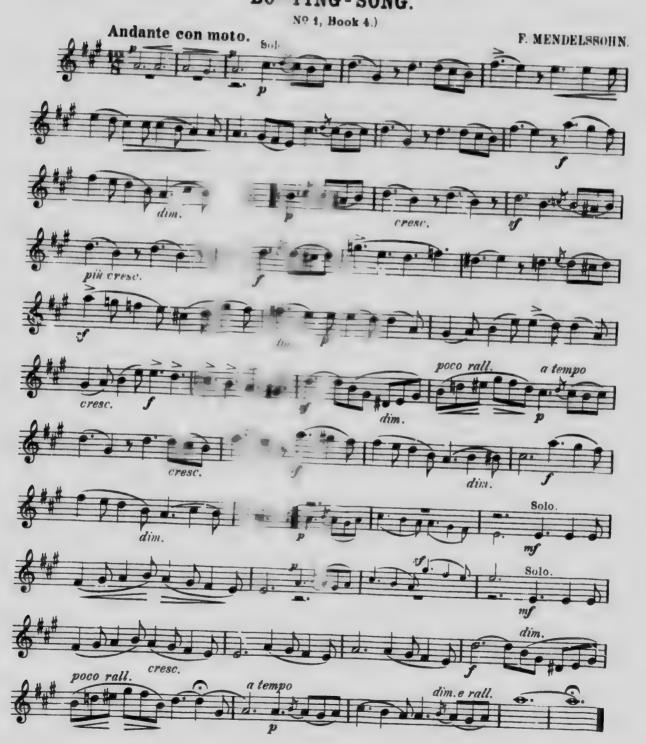


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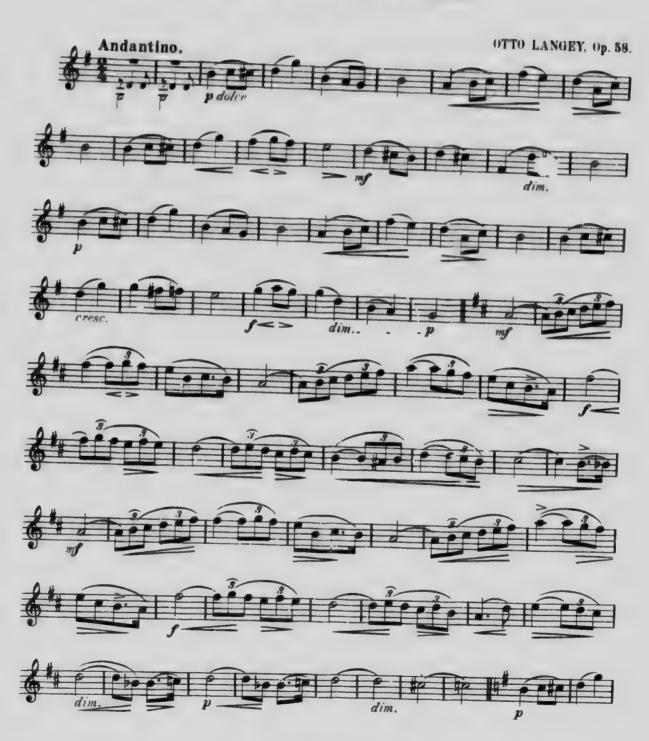
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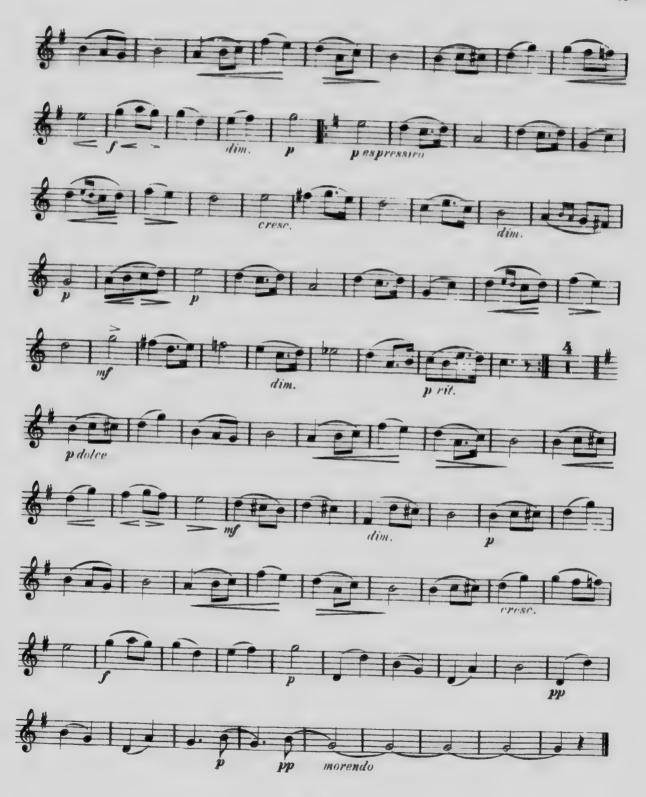
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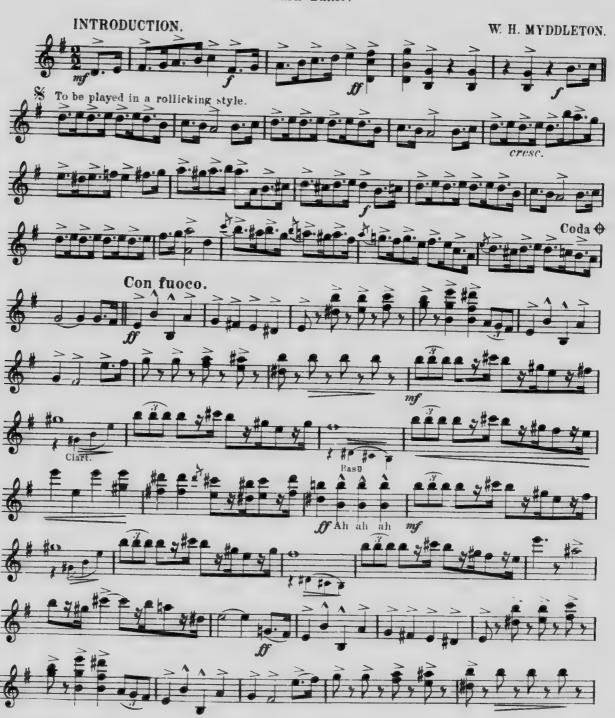


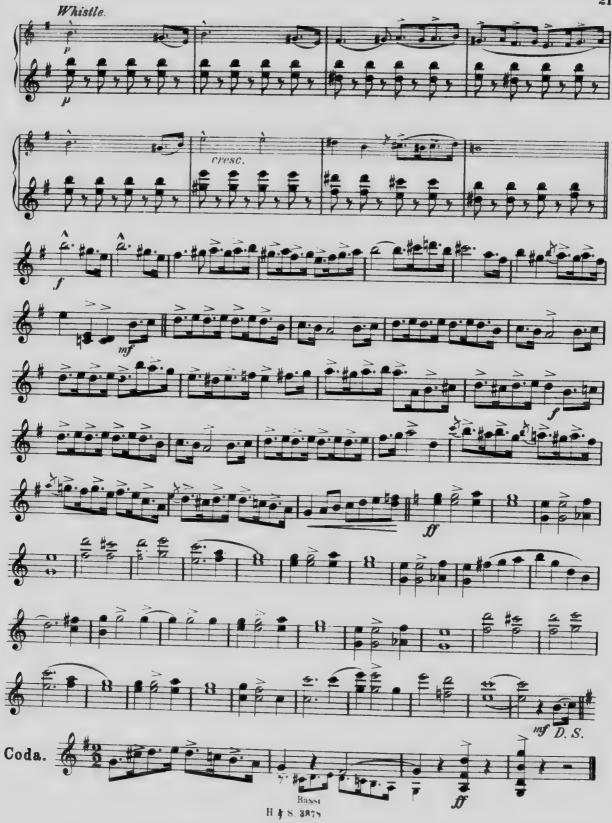


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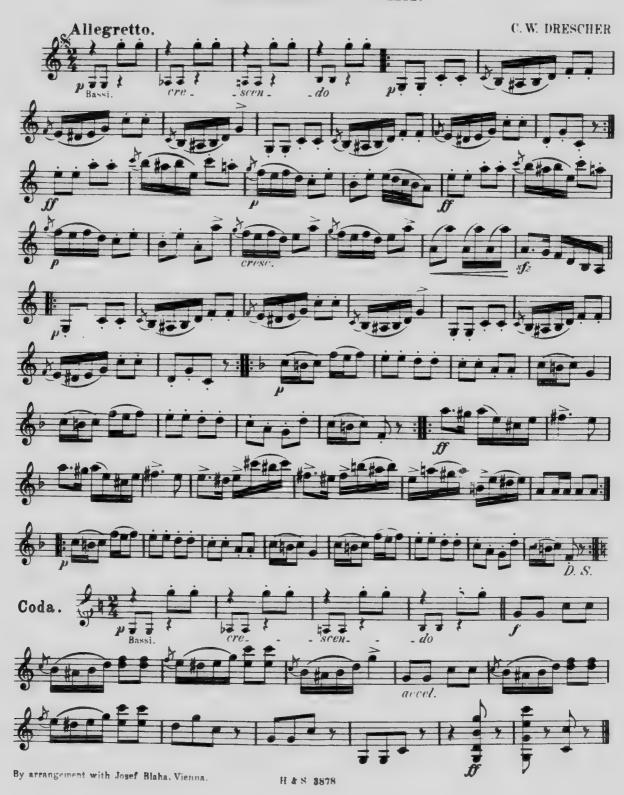
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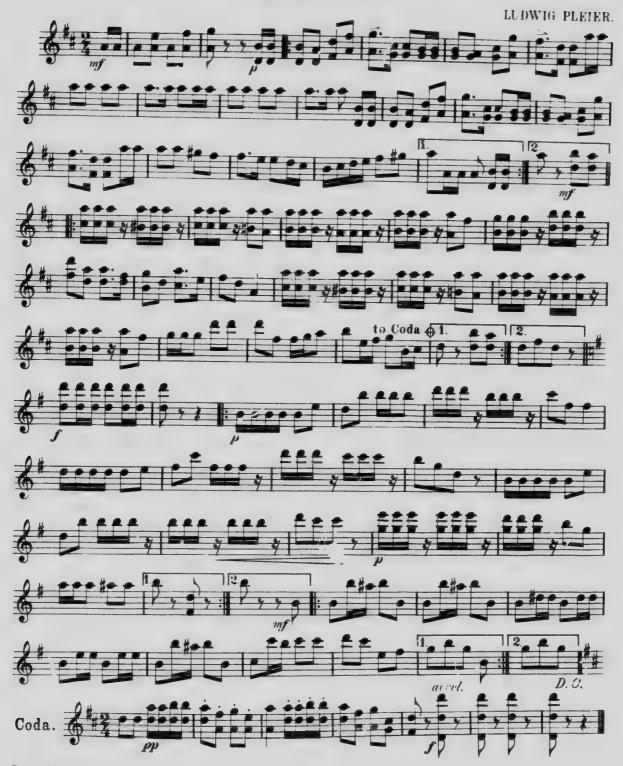


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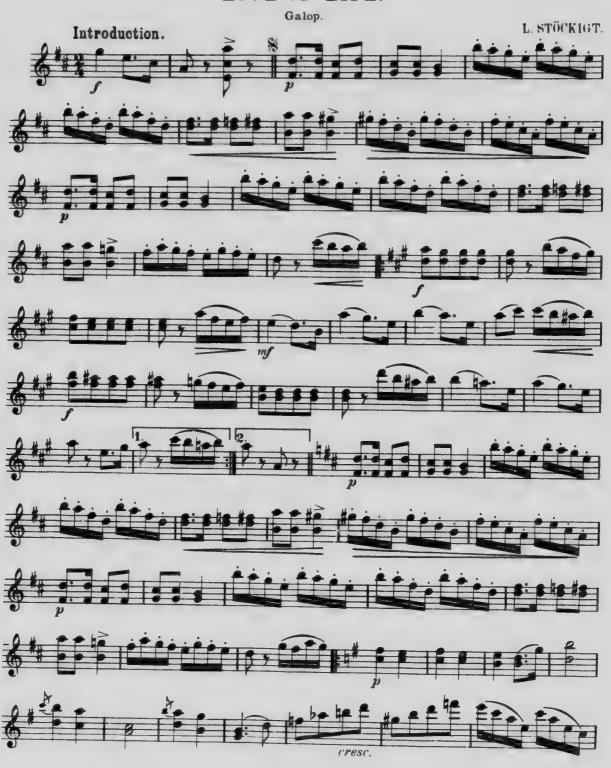
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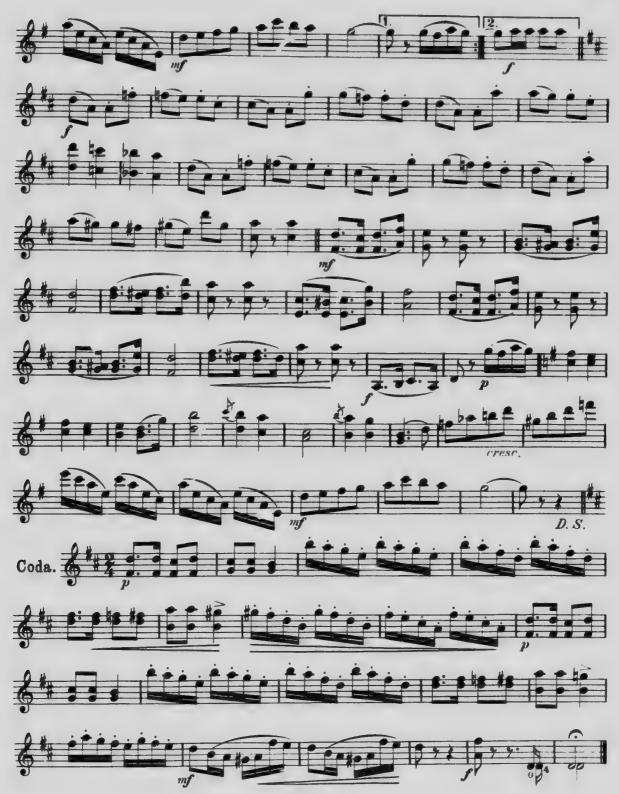
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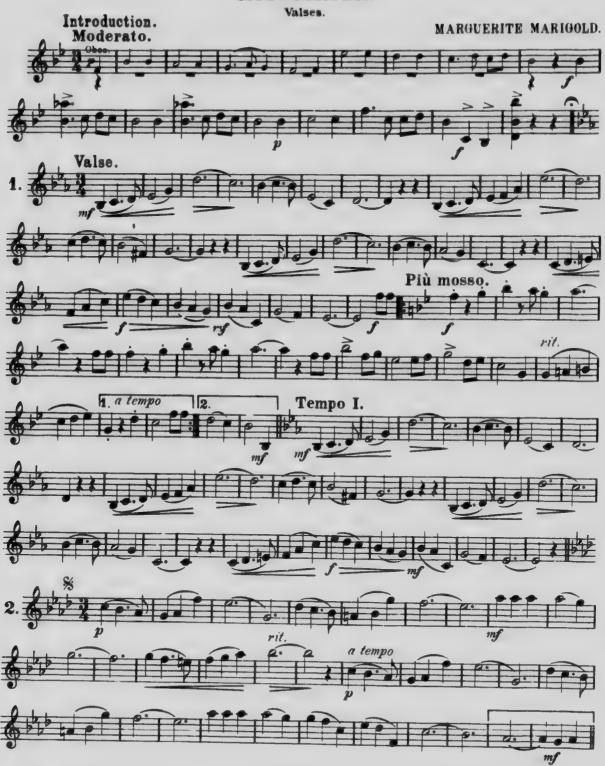
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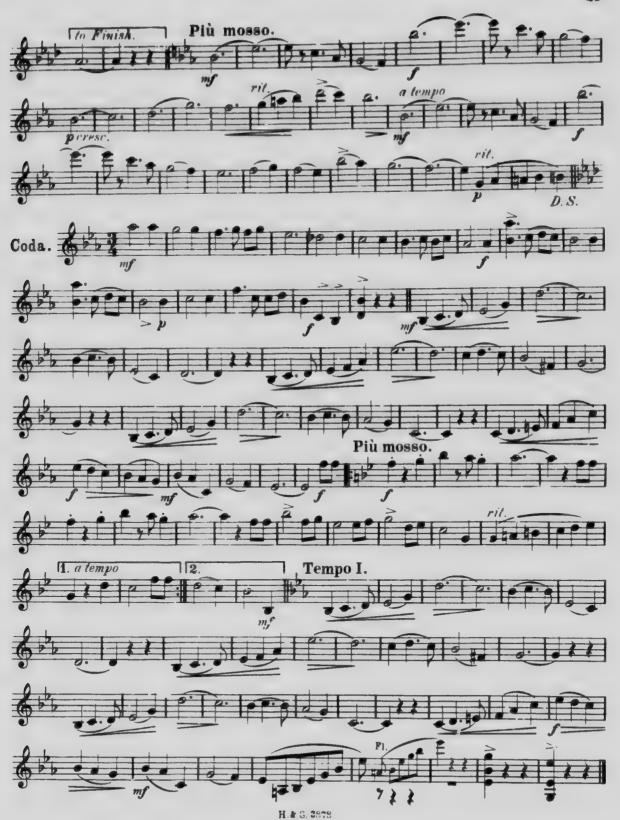




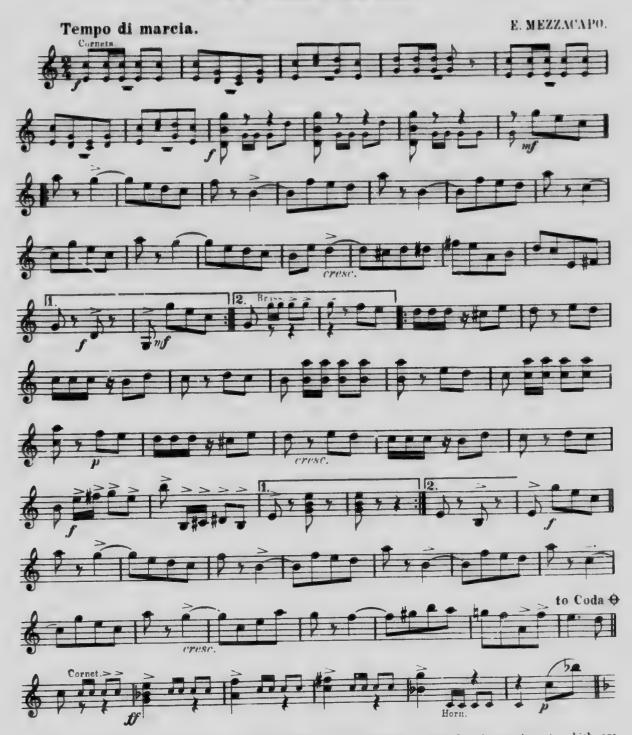
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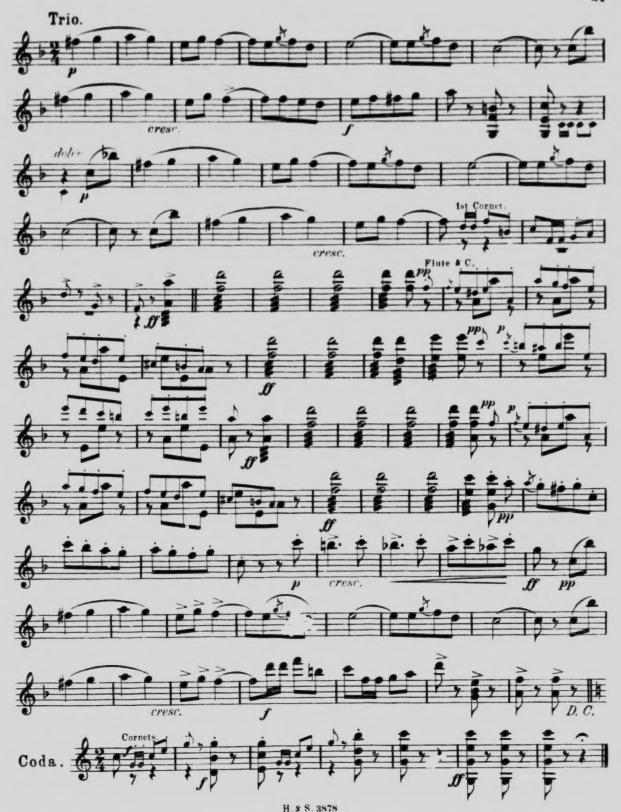




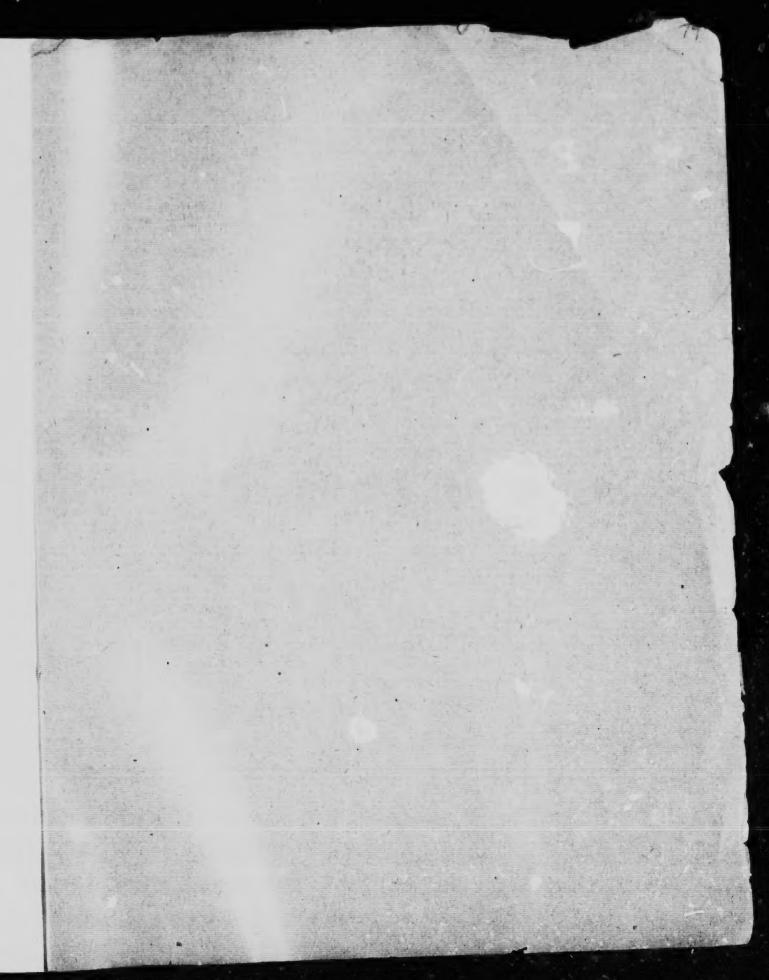
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